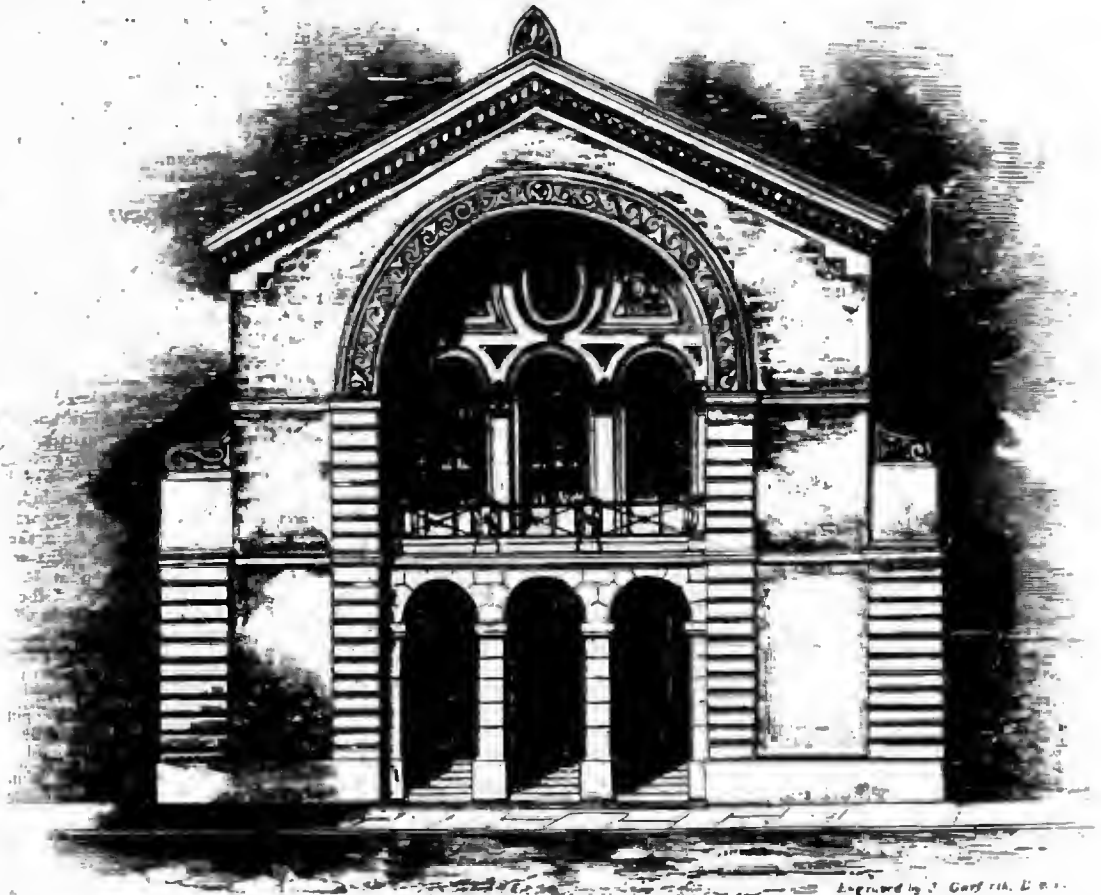


TEMPERANCE HALL, CURZON-STREET, DERBY.—MR. H. J. STEVENS, ARCHITECT.

**THE DERBY TEMPERANCE HALL.**

The ceremonial stone of this building was laid on the 3rd inst. by Lawrence Heyworth, esq. M.P. for Derby, and above we give a view of it. It was designed by Mr. H. J. Stevens, and will be erected by Messrs. Bradbury and Humphreys, contractors. The work is being superintended gratuitously by Mr. Wale.

The external dimensions will be 85 feet by 49 feet. The height to top of the pediment is 60 feet. It will consist of two stories, the sub-story comprising a lecture-room, 60 feet by 22 feet; a club-room, 39 feet by 22 feet; reading-room, 20 feet by 22 feet; ante-room, 20 feet by 16 feet; kitchen, &c.; four turret staircases, by which ingress and egress will be facilitated from the sub-story to the galleries and large hall, which will extend over the whole of the sub-story, and which, together with galleries supported by cantilevers, will seat 1,000 persons, and will upon particular occasions accommodate 1,500. The roof will be open-timbered. The whole cost of the edifice, including site, fittings, &c. will be upwards of 2,400*l*.

PORTSMOUTH SAVINGS BANK COMPETITION.—Sixteen designs were submitted to the trustees and directors for the Portsmouth and Portsea Bank for Savings, and they selected one bearing the motto "Sober colour," found to be by Mr. A. F. Livesey, of Portsmouth. The design by Mr. Philip Lee, jun. was spoken well of. A competitor complains the plans were returned three days after they were sent, so that only one meeting of the directors could have taken place to decide on the respective merits of sixteen designs.

BUILDING MEMORANDA IN IRELAND.

A new "iron" factory has recently been erected in the county Leitrim. Upwards of 600 persons are at present receiving constant employment therefrom. A steamer laden with machinery for the works in progress has lately arrived. Two large smelting furnaces and an engine house for a hot blast are in course of erection, and it is expected that from 5,000 to 6,000 tons of iron will be annually turned out from each furnace.

The Limerick floating docks in progress from the designs of Mr. Barry D. Gibbons, engineer to the harbour commissioners of the Board of Public Works, are expected to be opened on the 1st Nov. The entrance is 70 feet in width, and will admit of the largest Atlantic steamers passing through it. The dock gates, which are to be hung in August, are being constructed by Messrs. Mallet, of Dublin, and weigh from 70 to 80 tons.

In this city a new flax mill and concerns are in course of erection at the North Strand, and an expenditure of 80,000*l*. will be incurred: when completed the factory will afford employment to 6,000 persons.

New Schools are to be erected at Derry by the Christian Brothers. The site selected is on the grounds of the new cathedral. A sum of 300*l*. has been already collected.

The "Church of the Poor," near Crookhaven, is to be built by subscription, an English gentleman, Mr. John Ainsworth, having contributed 125*l*.

At Downhill, on the Derry and Coleraine Railway, a large number of men are engaged in forming the tunnel and laying the permanent rails. On the completion of this portion, the line to Coleraine will be proceeded with immediately. By this line a communica-

tion will be opened with a very thriving town, and it will form the last link of an almost continuous railway from the extreme northern and southern points of Ireland per the eastern coast.

A new Roman Catholic church is to be erected by the Augustinian Friars in the town of Galway. The drawings are in course of preparation by Mr. John J. Lyons, architect. The building is designed to accommodate 2,000 persons, and will consist of a nave 120 feet in length, with side aisles, chancel, sacristy, baptistery, &c. Style, Gothic; roof of open framed work; tower at north-west gable; exterior of rubble masonry, with chiseled limestone dressings. The amount of expenditure will probably be between 3,000*l*. and 4,000*l*.

Extensive alterations and additions are being made to the workhouse of the Babboberry Union, according to the drawings of the Poor-law Commissioners' architect.

The grand jury of the county Armagh have advertised for tenders for the building of a new wing to Armagh gaol, according to plans by Mr. Boyd, architect.

The foundation-stone of a new Presbyterian (Unitarian) church has been recently laid at Hill-street in Newry. It is designed to accommodate about 500 persons, and the expenditure will probably be 1,700*l*.

Arrangements are being made for the construction of a line of submarine telegraph between Portpatrick and Donaghadee.

SUBURBAN ARTISAN SCHOOLS.—The president and committee of this institution intend to hold a *soiree* in connection with it on the 6th inst. at University College, London. To those who have not seen it, the Flaxman Gallery there will be an additional attraction.